GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FLESH TRADE IN METRO CITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether flesh trade is going on unabetted in all the metro cities of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such rackets busted in each of these cities, particularly in Delhi, during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check these activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c): `Police` and `Public Order` are State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including that against women & child is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government is concerned about the phenomenon of prostitution/child prostitution in the society. With a view to combat this and to mainstream/reintegrate women and child victims of prostitution in the society. Government of India has formulated a Plan of Action for implementation by the States/UTs.

The Central/State Governments have been implementing a number of projects/schemes for the rescueand rehabilitation of women and children affected by the flesh trade either through their own agencies or in collaboration with NGOs. Some of these schemes include a scheme called `Jabali` in Madhya Pradesh which aims at assisting the voluntary organisations to take up activities for the welfare and development of women and child victims; the Devdasi Rehabilitation Scheme of the

Karnataka Government; a project started by Government of Andhra Pradesh for rehabilitation of women victims who are infected with HIV, the Maharashtra Governmenthave set up Special Juvenile Homes which have counselling facilities vocational training and health care for children affected by commercial sexual exploitation and HIV/AIDS.

Besides, schemes for training, employment and income generation like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), Setting up Training-cum-Production Centres (NORAD), Socio-Economic Programme(SEP), TRYSEM and DWACRAare implemented in source areas for the welfare and rehabilitation of prostitutes. In some of the red light areas the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Schemes have been launched. The Government has an extensive network of Short Stay Homes and homes set up under the Juvenile Justice Act for protection and rehabilitation of the victims of prostitution.